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May 24, 2018

Mike Dew, Secretary  
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and

Rebecca Bolan, P.E. PMP, Project Manager  
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Re: Florida's Suncoast Parkway Connector

Dear Secretary Dew and Ms. Bolan:

Please let me express my gratitude for the proactive posture of FDOT to meet the transportation needs of Florida, and our north central Florida region. The proposed Coastal Connector, creating an alternate path to accommodate public safety and transportation needs is a worthy consideration. However, paths laid out in the current study all do serious damage to the agriculture and horse farm industry so vital to our area. Please meet with the Marion County Legislative Delegation, local officials, and these industry leaders to find a new path. One that will minimize the impact on these vital interests and the related environmental concerns.

Thank you for planning, but we need a new plan.

Sincerely,

Senator Dennis K. Baxley  
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